

PROFESSIONAL BOXING AND WRESTLING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I contact the Department?

You may reach us by phone at 804-367-0186, by fax at 804-367-6946, or by e-mail at boxing@dpor.virginia.gov. Additionally, if you have information that you would like to mail to the Department, please send it to:

Boxing and Wrestling Program
Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 400
Richmond, VA 23233

What are the qualifications for licensure?

All applicants must disclose information about disciplinary actions or criminal actions regarding the profession of boxing and wrestling. More detailed information for each type of license follows:

Promoter and Event – Applicants for licensure as a promoter must submit a complete application and a statement that the applicant possesses a knowledge of the law and regulations. In addition, each event must be licensed. The event application must include a card of the contests to be exhibited, the date, location and time of the event, evidence of a surety bond in an amount equal to the sum of the total gate fee required and the total amount due to all boxers and wrestlers, a copy of the contract by the promoter for the sale of rights to distribute the event by video, telephonic or other electronic means, and a statement that the applicant has read and understands the laws and regulations. In addition, an event application for a boxing event must include evidence that all boxers are covered by a health insurance policy with a minimum coverage of \$5,000 and an acknowledgement that the promoter will provide a copy of the contract between the promoter and each licensed boxer at weigh-in. **THE PROMOTER MUST APPLY FOR AN EVENT LICENSE AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT AND MAY NOT ADVERTISE THE EVENT UNTIL THE LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

Boxer – Applicants must submit an application including a satisfactory record of professional boxing and a list of all ring names. In addition, a boxer must obtain a federal ID.

Wrestler – Applicants must submit an application including a statement from a licensed physician that the applicant is in good health and may participate in wrestling events.

Manager – Applicants must submit an application including a statement that the applicant possesses a knowledge of the laws and regulations.

Matchmaker – Each applicant must submit an application including a statement that the applicant does not employ and does not otherwise have a financial interest in, or commercial connection to, any wrestler, boxer, manager, trainer, or second, except that which may be necessary to arrange a wrestler's or boxer's participation in a specific event.

Trainer, Second, or Cutman – Each applicant must submit an application including a statement evidencing knowledge of the laws and regulations; the treatment of injuries; physical conditioning, health care nutrition, training, first aid, and the effects of alcohol as it relates to boxing; and the bandaging of a boxer's hand.

When does my license expire?

Event licenses are valid only for the duration of the event. All other licenses expire on December 31 of the year in which the license was issued; however, licenses issued during the last 45 days of any calendar year shall expire on December 31 of the following year.

How do I renew my license?

The renewal process is the same as the application process. You may obtain an application on the Department's website or contact us directly.